Name of the power stations	Plant Load Factor(%)
Rihand	95.9
Singrauli STPS	86.8
Tanda	86.2
Unchahar	90.6
NPCIL	
Narora	66.6

During the period April-July 2004, the hydro generation in UP was 472 MU against a target of 554 Ml) *i.e.* shortfall of 14.8%. The reason for shortfall in hydro generation was mainly on account of poor monsoon.

(c) Government of India have identified 19 generating units aggregated capacity of 2060 MW at Obra, Panki and Harduaganj thermal power stations in consultation with Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL) for carrying out Life Extension works during Tenth Five Year Plan. Power Finance Corporation is providing funds at concessional rate of interest under Accelerated Power Generation & Supply Programme. After completion of life extension works, these units are expected to operate at more than 75% PLF and their life is also expected to be extended by 15-20 years.

Achievement in capacity addition in Power Sector

2313. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to achieve 41,000 MW capacity addition in the Tenth Plan and during the Eleventh Plan the target is 60,000 MW;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the Eighth and Ninth Plans the capacity addition was not satisfactory;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action plan of Government to ensure that the national need to capacity addition of 100,000 MW is achieved by 2012?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. Cen-

tral Electricity Authority has estimated that an additional capacity of 1,00,000 MW would be required by 2012 to meet the power demand in full. A capacity addition target of 41,110 MW has been envisaged for Tenth Plan. The remaining capacity is planned for Eleventh Plan.

(b) and (c) The capacity addition during Eighth Plan and Ninth Plan was 16423 MW and 19015 MW which is 53.8% and 47.5% of the target respectively. The reasons for not achieving the target are as given below:—

* Delay financial closure of private sector projects due to non-availability of escrow
* Delay in land acquisition.
* Delay in investment decision.
* R&R problems
* Contractual problem.

(d) Following steps have been taken for realization of targeted capacity:

* The Tenth Plan capacity addition targets were finalized in consultation with the States and on the basis of identification of individual projects.
* The monitoring mechanism has been strengthened. The CEA has a nodal officer for each project, both at the conception stage as well as during execution. In addition, regular review meetings are being organized in the Ministry of Power.
* In order to make up for any shortfall in original targets during Tenth Plan, an additional capacity to the tune of 8733 MW, comprising of 8503 MW in thermal and 230 MW in hydro, has been identified in consultation with States/CPSUs.
* The role of REC has been expanded to cover financing of generation projects. This would enable REC to supplement the efforts of PFC in financing generation projects. These two organizations have mobilized themselves adequately to see that the execution of a good project is not hampered due to lack of funds.
* The Central Plan outlay has been increased by more than three times in the Tenth Plan in comparison to Ninth Plan. The Planning Commission has allocated an outlay of Rs. 1,43,399 crore for the

Ministry of Power for the Tenth Plan. This includes a budgetary support of Rs. 25,000 crore. The corresponding figures for the Ninth Plan were Rs. 45591 crore and Rs. 14943 crore respectively.

* Advance action on identification of the Eleventh Plan projects has been taken.

* As per Electricity Act, 2003 the requirement of according Techno-Economic Clearance by Central Electricity Authority has been dispensed with for thermal generation.

* Planning Commission has delegated full powers to State Governments for approval of Power Projects without any ceiling. Clearance from Planning Commission is to be restricted only to those Hydro Electric Projects where inter-State issues are involved.

* To facilitate Private Sector Participation in power generation, Inter Institutional Group (IIG) has been formed.

Setting up Hydroelectric Power Project by NHPC with foreign companies

2314. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) are negotiating with top foreign companies for setting up of Hydroelectric Power Projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of companies associated with the project; and

(c) what will be installed capacity of each power project with locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

National Electricity Policy

2315. SHRIMATl VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Electricity Policy has been revamped;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and